

**Law Enforcement Division**  
**Bi-Weekly Field Report**  
**6/8/14 – 6/23/14**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Denny Gast reported slow activity due to most people attending Bridgefest in Houghton/Hancock. CO Gast observed a small boat with three anglers aboard on a small inland lake. Upon contact, it was found that one of the anglers did not have a license and they were short on personal flotation devices (PFDs). Enforcement action was taken for the fishing license violation and the subjects were sent to shore to address the shortage of PFDs.

CO Dennis Gast encountered a group of five anglers fishing a closed section of the Sturgeon River. Only two of the anglers possessed a valid fishing license. One of the anglers was taken into custody on an arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dave Miller and Elton Luce were in L'Anse when a complaint was called in of subjects taking overlimits of steelhead on the Falls River. The COs quickly located two subjects who possessed an extra steelhead each. Fish were seized and both subjects received a ticket for taking an overlimit of steelhead.

CO Mark Leadman was patrolling Harlow Lake on Monday after the Free Fishing Weekend. Two subjects were observed walking back to a tent set up across the road from the lake. Both subjects were carrying fishing poles baited with fresh worms. The two subjects denied they had just been fishing and stated they had fallen asleep next to the lake on Sunday and were just now returning to their tent at 3:00 p.m. the following day. CO Leadman did not believe their story and then pointed out that they were camping where prohibited and were also camping without the required camping permit. Numerous denials about fishing led to both Rip Van Winkles being ticketed for camping where prohibited.

CO Marvin Gerlach and PCO Brett DeLonge investigated a complaint of a subject buying both Michigan and Wisconsin resident hunting and fishing licenses for several years. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Grant Emery and PCO Brian Lasanen conducted a marine patrol on Lake Superior related to a local fishing tournament. Many boaters were contacted with tickets written for failure to provide PFDs and failure to purchase a fishing license.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Michael Mansell conducted marine patrols on Iron County lakes and encountered four individuals who had failed to purchase fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Kevin Postma was checking anglers in Brimley when he observed a boat with one person on board fishing with five lines. CO Postma waited for the boat to return to the launch at which time he contacted the angler. The CO helped the angler tie off and then checked his license and inquired about his luck. CO Postma then asked the angler why he would have five lines running out the back of his boat when he was the only one on board. The angler advised that CO Postma must have seen the extra rods in the holders but the lures were actually attached back to the pole and they weren't fishing. CO Postma explained to the angler that the monofilament line reflects very nicely in the sun and all the lines were quite visible. The individual had three DNR priors with one of them being "fish with too many lines". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich was working an ORV patrol on Drummond Island when dispatch advised the CO that a disabled boat was adrift in the shipping channel in the St. Mary's River near DeTour. CO Panich advised that he was at least an hour away from making the ferry and contacted the local Sheriff's Office who stated they were at least an hour out as well. CO Panich advised dispatch that he was en route and asked dispatch to contact the Coast Guard to see if they had any boats in the area. As luck would have it; a patrol was just coming down the river and was able to tow the mariner into DeTour harbor.

CO Jared Ferguson was in the area of Van Cleave Park in Gladstone when he was approached by a large frantic group, which included a few lifeguards. A pine snake that appeared to be close to four feet long had made its way into the children's play area. Officer Ferguson was able to calmly and safely remove the reptile and return it to a more suitable location.

CO Michael Evink responded to a domestic violence situation in Schoolcraft County. He was able to make contact with the complaining party outside the residence and assisted Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers with the investigation.

CO Michael Evink received a complaint of numerous traps that had not been removed at the close of trapping season. Officer Evink contacted CO Jerrold Fitzgibbon and PCO Rob Freeborn. The three COs located numerous traps on Stanley Lake; one of which revealed the trapper's identity. When the COs ran a file check on the trapper they found he also had a felony warrant. The COs met up and were able to locate the trapper. A ticket was issued for leaving his traps out, and the subject was arrested and lodged in Alger County jail on the felony warrant.

CO Jerrold Fitzgibbon and PCO Rob Freeborn drove through Seney and observed three ORVs and their riders outside of the local bar. The COs then drove north on M-77. Within a few minutes the COs observed a dust cloud following them. They pulled over and waited for what turned out to be the same three ORVs driving on the shoulder of the state highway. The occupants of the third ORV were riding double.

Apparently the trail into town was wet and they decided to take the quickest way home after seeing the officers drive the other direction. The subjects were ticketed.

CO Robert Crisp received a complaint of an underage drinking party with possible poaching on public land in Alger County. CO Crisp contacted CO Jared Ferguson for assistance. COs Crisp and Ferguson arrived at the party location around midnight and found approximately 30 youths. Upon investigation, no signs of poaching were found and only a few of the minors had been consuming alcohol. Enforcement action was taken and parents were contacted to pick up the juveniles.

CO John Wenzel was patrolling Little Bay De Noc, checking angler and boaters. He contacted a vessel with two subjects who were fishing. One subject stated he had not purchased a fishing license. The other individual said it was his fault. He had told the subject that he'd been fishing the Bay for 15 years and had never been checked before, so he didn't need to get a license. Enforcement action was taken.

### **DISTRICT 3**

While working on the water during a midnight walleye fishing patrol, CO Steven Speigl observed a motorboat ripping through a slow, no-wake channel. After being yelled at by several other anglers and boaters, and being stopped by CO Speigl, his excuse was he didn't know it was a no-wake area. He was educated via a ticket.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Paul Fox received a complaint of a large amount of trash and debris left at a campsite. The complainant was able to give a vehicle description of the last camper and the COs found a camp registration card still posted. A follow up interview with the suspect at his residence resulted in a littering ticket being issued and the trash cleaned up.

CO Eric Bottorff, PCO Paul Fox and Sgt. Greg Drogowski spent most of a day assisting in the search in a heavily wooded area for a lost 22 month old child wearing only a diaper and shirt. After almost nine hours the child was located, alive and well, except for bug bites and scratches.

CO Nick Torsky responded to two complaints of bear-human conflicts. The first bear broke into an enclosed porch and the door shut behind it. It was discovered when the homeowner was getting ready to leave and saw the bear asleep on the floor of the room. The bear eventually pushed open a window and left. The only items that were disturbed were the bird feeders that were stored in the room. The second complaint occurred when a person was walking their dogs and came across the bear that attacked the dog causing minor injuries.

CO Mark DePew responded to a complaint of a turkey breaking into a house, where a tom turkey flew through a picture window. CO DePew was able to net the bird and release him back into the nearby woods.

CO Mark DePew was patrolling state land when he stopped a vehicle for not using a turn signal and the driver was not wearing a seat belt. The driver was operating without insurance and in possession of marijuana and a loaded .22 rifle. The vehicle was improperly registered, and the driver admitted to shooting a spike buck last season on a combination tag in Montmorency County, which has antler point restrictions. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Sam Koscinski received information from the Wexford County Sheriff Department about possible bombs being constructed. CO Koscinski patrolled remote areas on his ORV and in his patrol truck and located evidence in the bomb making case the local deputies were working on. Collected evidence and the location were turned over to the deputies for follow-up with their investigation.

COs Sean Kehoe and Rich Stowe worked a late night ORV patrol near the North Branch of the Boardman River. The COs observed an unattended campfire along with a pickup truck in the flood plain of the river. The vehicle had gone around several barriers of rocks and posts to get to where it was parked. The COs also observed a tent in the area. Contact was made with the suspects and violations of illegal vehicle operation, unattended fire, illegal cutting of live trees and no camp permit were addressed.

CO Rick Stowe received a complaint of a pickup truck stuck down at the bottom of a steep hill along a gas pipeline. The vehicle was near a wetland and evidence indicated it had been operating in the wetland. CO Stowe responded and located the abandoned vehicle. CO Stowe was able to track down the owner who advised his vehicle broke down after he went to the location to assist another vehicle who had been operating illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and CO Steve Converse were working the Muskegon River Task Force in Newaygo County when they contacted two subjects fishing from a boat. The COs determined that there were no PFDs aboard the vessel and one of the subjects quickly told the COs that he had a warrant for his arrest. The subject further advised that the warrant only had a 100 mile pickup and he was let go last weekend by a city police officer. The arrest warrant was confirmed and valid with Station 20 for the taking of an overlimit of fish and no fishing license. This time the subject was issued a ticket for the PFD violation and lodged in the Newaygo County Jail on the arrest warrant.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and CO Steve Converse were working the Muskegon River Task Force when they received a complaint of subjects trespassing on private property along the river. The COs approached the group and observed them quickly head back to their beached tubes. The tubers had been consuming alcohol on the private shoreline and appeared to be intoxicated. Upon inspecting the area they were occupying, CO Converse located a discarded empty beer can that was still cold and matched the brand of beer the tubers were consuming. All members of the group denied discarding the

beer can until CO Converse pointed out that the lot number was the same as the beer in the group's cooler. One subject then admitted to the littering violation. A ticket was issued for littering with verbal warnings issued to the group for recreational trespass.

COs Jeff Ginn and Troy VanGelderren were working the Muskegon River Task Force and located several unoccupied tubes and kayaks along the river shoreline. Upon further inspection, the COs located the subjects in the woods smoking marijuana. The subjects, who were under age, also admitted to consuming alcohol and sinking the empties in the river. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn received information of subjects operating a dune buggy along the Muskegon River in a closed area. Upon arrival to the area, CO Ginn located a dune buggy matching the description and a second vehicle leaving the area. Upon contacting the operators, the dune buggy did not have an ORV license and the driver was not wearing eye protection. The buggy operator was also driving on a suspended license. The driver of the second vehicle was not wearing his seat belt and had an outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrant. The pickup truck was not insured and had an improper registration plate. Both subjects later admitted to operating the buggy in a closed area of State land along the river. The vehicles were impounded and both subjects were lodged in the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Jeff Ginn was traveling down M-37 when he observed a young subject operating an ORV come off an illegal trail on a large parcel of National Forest and begin traveling along the roadway. The subject was not wearing a helmet or eye protection at the time. CO Ginn initiated a traffic stop on the ORV and discovered the ORV was not properly licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Josiah Killenback conducted a marine patrol on Hamlin Lake and contacted several subjects in violation of marine safety and fishing regulations. The COs contacted several non-residents fishing without licenses. Upon approaching another boat with a female subject fishing they observed her quickly put her fishing pole down. Upon making contact with the subject she was upset, stating she had been fishing all weekend without a license and had not been checked and was not happy receiving a ticket. The COs also issued tickets for PFD violations.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Josiah Killenback responded to a complaint of a personal injury accident on a designated ORV trail. The COs were able to locate the injured dirt bike rider and apply first aid, and assisted in transporting the injured operator out of the woods to the waiting ambulance.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Josiah Killenback contacted three juveniles in possession of an undersized Northern Pike and an out-of-season Snapping Turtle. The juvenile angler stated he knew the fish had to be 24" and had measured it with his two siblings holding the fish down. It was determined that the young angler measured over his siblings hands making the fish measure larger than it was. Verbal warnings were issued with instruction on how to measure a fish and release of the illegally taken turtle.

CO Troy Mueller reported that an individual who went to trial on multiple illegally taken deer, turkey and raccoons was fined nearly \$4,000 in fines, costs and restitution, over 100 hours of community service, loss of hunting privileges for four years and had his firearm condemned.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Jason McCullough received information that a subject had shot a bobcat in early December prior to the bobcat season. A check of the computer license system revealed that the subject had obtained his bobcat license several days after killing the bobcat. When contacted by CO McCullough and CO Steve Lockwood, the subject told the COs that he shot the bobcat because it was in his back yard and his grandchildren had been playing in the back yard. After talking with the subject, the COs were informed that the bobcat was in the back yard of the residence the day after the kids were in the back yard playing. The subject said he saw the bobcat in his yard and shot it. The bobcat ran a short distance away where the subject shot it again and killed it. Evidence seized and enforcement action taken.

CO Jason McCullough received information about a subject who was in possession of turkey poults. CO McCullough was able to recover the young turkeys from the residence as well as a confession to grabbing them as they were walking down a road. Enforcement action taken.

CO Warren MacNeill had been receiving complaints of several boats operating on Hubbard Lake after dark without navigation lights. CO MacNeill worked the lake several times and has written several tickets for operating without navigation lights. He has not received any more complaints about the navigation light issue on Hubbard Lake.

CO Warren MacNeill was called to assist a sailboat that was in danger of running aground on Lake Huron. The captain of the sailboat knew that he was in danger of running aground so he put out an anchor. CO MacNeill was able to pull the troubled sailboat to the safety of the harbor.

CO Nick Atkin was informed by CO Mike Mshar about a violation he observed while fishing in Arenac County. CO Mshar, while off duty, observed a subject with a limit of walleye in the morning. That afternoon CO Mshar watched the same subject return from the evening fish with a second limit. CO Atkin was able to locate the subject with the information provided by CO Mshar. CO Atkin obtained a confession and seized evidence of the overlimit. Enforcement action taken

CO Nick Atkin was checking boats as they came in from the morning fish. CO Atkin checked a boat occupied by five anglers who stated they caught their limit. A check of the fish revealed that they actually had three walleye over their limit. Enforcement action taken

While patrolling on Cedar Lake, CO Jon Warner observed a personal watercraft (PWC) operating in a careless manner. After a short time the PWC operator lost control and the occupants fell off the machine. After the subjects attempted to get back onto the PWC several times, CO Warner went to assist. Once everyone was back on the PWC, CO Warner asked the operator for his boater safety certificate. The operator had not taken a boater safety course. Enforcement action taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz was on patrol when he observed a small passenger vehicle operating in a careless manner on a public road. After witnessing the vehicle weave on and off the road, CO Liestenfeltz initiated a traffic stop to investigate the situation. The officer found a driver and passenger who were both without licenses and had open intoxicants in the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were performed and the driver was eventually lodged in the Missaukee County Jail for operating while intoxicated. As it turns out, the driver will now be facing felony charges as this was his third offense for OWI.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Scott Brown and PCO Kyle Bucholtz encountered an ORV operator operating down the roadway and then pull into a McDonalds. Both COs went into the restaurant and looked for him and after a few minutes located him inside the restaurant. After a brief discussion the officers issued him a ticket for operating an ORV with no helmet and issued verbal warnings for operating on the roadway and no ORV registration.

COs Jeremy Payne, Chad Foerster and Sgt. Tony Soave, along with PCOs William Brickel and Jeremy Beavers, conducted a group marine patrol on the Saginaw River during the annual KCQ Country Music Festival. Several contacts were made for marine violations and both tickets and verbal warnings were issued to the boaters attending the concert.

CO Seth Rhodea received a complaint of deer carcasses left behind by a tenant renting a house. While conducting his investigation, CO Rhodea was able to track down the subject and discovered the tenant had picked up one of the deer as a road kill and had shot the other deer and failed to properly dispose of the carcasses. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Seth Rhodea observed a subject carrying a large armload of household items out to a fire in his backyard. The CO contacted the subject who stated he was just burning brush and grass. A check of the fire revealed that he was attempting to burn the contents of the house he was cleaning up. CO Rhodea advised the subject to put the fire out and issued a ticket for illegal disposal of solid waste.

While patrolling local state game areas, CO Seth Rhodea located a vehicle parked at a dead end road. When the CO attempted to contact the occupants of the vehicle it sped off, driving down the wrong side of the road with one of the passengers throwing baggies of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia out of the window. The vehicle

stopped and the occupants were contacted with the assistance of the MSP. The items thrown from the vehicle were recovered and the occupants of the vehicle are facing numerous charges.

CO Seth Rhodea was checking a local fishing area when he observed a male subject fishing from a dirt berm. When the CO went to check the angler's license a female who had been sitting in some tall weeds got up and left the area. The CO checked the male angler's license and asked him if the female had been fishing. The subject stated that she had not been fishing. CO Rhodea then left the area and returned a short time later and was able to sneak within feet of both subjects and witness the female casting and catching fish. The female angler was then contacted and asked for her fishing license which she said she knew she needed but did not have. A ticket was issued.

CO Seth Rhodea was checking anglers at the Quanicassee boat launch when he contacted an angler who said the fishing was great and he had gotten his limit. Upon checking the fish in the boat live well CO Rhodea located six walleye. A ticket was issued for an overlimit of walleye.

CO Jeremy Payne and PCO William Brickel were contacted by the Isabella County Central Dispatch about a subject living in his burnt down home. The subject was contacted at his residence and found to have DNR warrants for his arrest and was known for assaulting officers. The subject was taken into custody and lodged at the Isabella County Jail.

CO Jeremy Payne and PCO William Brickel were patrolling Waucosta Road near the old iron bridge in Clinton County when they came across a jeep parked at the end of the road. As they approached, the jeep started moving toward them. When the driver realized the COs were in front of him he began to back his vehicle down the road toward a turn-around but swerved as he was putting something on the floor board of the vehicle. It was later discovered that the subject was setting an open beer on the floor board and that he had been drinking since early that morning. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly was traveling on I-75 and on his way to Belle Isle when a vehicle he observed in his rear view mirror caught his attention. The Sgt. noticed that the vehicle was traveling at a very high rate of speed and in a careless manner. The Sgt. stopped the vehicle for traveling at speeds over 90 MPH and careless driving. When the Sgt. made contact, the female driver was on her cell phone and refused to roll down the window or display her driver's license. It turned out that the driver had called 911 and did not think a conservation officer could stop a vehicle. The dispatcher told the caller that she had better display her driver's license or she would be going to jail. At this time the driver held her license up to the closed window. The Sgt. wrote the information down on a notebook, returned to his patrol truck and returned with a ticket for careless operation and speeding 90 MPH.



## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Paul Higashi responded to a complaint in St. Joseph County of campers who were reported to be taking overlimits of bass at a local campground. On his second day of conducting surveillance he contacted a mother, her son and his girlfriend who were in possession of 60 undersized bass, which were 45 more than the legal limit for the three of them. A thorough inspection of their campsite and interviews with the three suspects also revealed evidence of \$3,000 in stolen property from three different dollar stores in the area, as well as outstanding felony warrants out of Indiana. The Centerville Police Department was called in for assistance and admissions were obtained. The subjects were charged for the fishing violations along with retail fraud.

CO Michael Mshar responded to a complaint of illegal swim areas on Green Lake in Allegan County. Contact was made with seven different landowners who had closed off sections of the shoreline by placing buoys without a permit. A discussion took place regarding the regulations and permit process, the landowners removed the buoys and warnings were given.

During a routine taxidermy inspection, CO Michael Mshar located a hen turkey which had been shot illegally. Contact was made with the hunter and a confession was obtained along with photographs identifying the illegal activity from this past spring. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Mshar assisted local deputies with a domestic dispute between a couple who had been arguing alongside the road near their parked car. CO Mshar was able to separate them and calm down the situation until the county officers arrived.

CO Steve Orange investigated a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint in Kent County where two subjects were observed taking a snapping turtle during the closed season. Follow up at a local residence led to the recovery of a 20 inch snapper still in good condition. The turtle was released to the wild and the subjects were ticketed for the violation while receiving an education on Michigan's turtle species and harvest regulations.

COs Dave Rodgers, Steve Orange, and PCO Justin Ulberg conducted a patrol of the Grand River in Ottawa County using PWCs. During the patrol they made numerous contacts, ticketing two vessels for expired registrations, one of which expired in 2008. They also contacted two occupants in another boat with no PFDs aboard. A ticket was issued for the PFD violation. Several verbal warnings were given for marine and fishing violations during the patrol.

COs Ivan Perez and Greg Patten conducted a patrol in the Manistee National Forest related to ORVs and trucks destroying wetlands. Working with the US Forest Service (USFS) COs contacted and ticketed two operators for illegal use and further discovered the individuals had posted photos in recent days to a social media web site of their illegal activity. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Damon Owens and PCO Chris Reynolds contacted a subject who stated he had a fishing license but not on his person. The COs allowed the subject to explain in detail about how his license was at his residence. After an RSS check his story quickly changed and a ticket for fishing without a license was issued.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Matt Page were working a complaint of a possible overlimit of fish on a local lake in Branch County. During the patrol the COs located two subjects who had been fishing off a dock. During the check the COs found that neither of the subjects had a fishing license. Subjects were ticketed for fishing without a license. The original subject from the complaint was not located and the investigation is ongoing.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Matt Page responded to a RAP complaint in Hillsdale County, reference possible trespassing activity. The complainant advised that she had been hearing shots on the back side of her property. After further investigation the COs found that all shots heard were well off the property line. COs were unable to locate any subjects on the complainant's property.

## **DISTRICT 9**

While attempting to launch the Pursuit at Lake St. Clair Metro Park, a citizen stopped to make a complaint on a boater to COs Todd Szyska and PCO Chris Knights. The complainant stated that the boater in question was intoxicated, as he had just hit the dock with his boat, and he had a cooler of beer on the vessel. The complainant pointed out the vessel and the COs attempted to make contact. However, the subject took off, but not before his MC numbers were written down. A call was made to the Macomb County Sheriff Marine Division and they held the subject near the mouth of the River until the COs could respond. CO Szyska and PCO Knights made contact with the boater and administered field sobriety tests. It was determined that the subject was not intoxicated. In fact, the true story was that he had towed a disabled boat into the dock, and when he entered the docks he struck one trying to help someone else out.

Sitting at a traffic light in Detroit, Sgt. Arthur Green III and CO Dan Walzak observed the passenger in the vehicle in front of them throw a bottle out of the window into the grass. Following the vehicle through the intersection and at the soonest opportunity, the officers pulled the vehicle over. Contacting the driver, he stated that he did not realize that the passenger, his younger brother, had thrown the bottle out of the vehicle. The passenger admitted to the offense and enforcement action was taken.

CO Lacelle Rabon received a RAP complaint of a deer being stuck or fallen down in a ravine at the rear of a hotel near Metropolitan Airport. On arrival CO Rabon located a deer trapped in what appeared to be a vacated swimming pool full of weeded growth. The local fire department, animal control, Department of Public Works, and personnel from DNR Wildlife Division had been on the scene. Because of the large crowd of spectators, CO Rabon made numerous telephone calls to wildlife rehabilitators,

Michigan Humane Society and other animal rescue facilities. With the assistance of the Department of Public Works and some of the spectators, a makeshift ladder was made from wooden pallets and food was placed at the top of the ravine. The following day the deer walked out of the ravine and ate the food, and returned to the wild. The spectators and the complainant were notified by telephone and thanked for their assistance.

## **BELLE ISLE**

CO Al Mendez was working Belle Isle and responded with MSP to a fight in progress. As the officers arrived, the subjects had fled the scene and were never located.

While working Belle Isle, CO Rich Nickols came across a vehicle that attempted to drive off road on a small trail made this past winter by some logging activity. The vehicle became stuck about 50 feet off the roadway. CO Nickols issued the driver a ticket for driving on a non-designated trail and called a wrecker to have the vehicle pulled out.

While on scene of the last incident, CO Rich Nickols was directing traffic around so the wrecker could pull out the truck. A vehicle approached and stopped to see what was going on. When the vehicle stopped, CO Nickols could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. CO Nickols returned to his patrol vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver admitted to just smoking a marijuana cigarette. The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs. During a search of the vehicle, additional marijuana and an unregistered handgun were located hidden in the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded and the subject was lodged at the DDC.

CO Todd Thorn worked a Belle Isle second shift and made four arrests for traffic related violations. Warnings were issued for open intoxicants, traffic violations, etc. CO Thorn assisted MSP in attempting to locate a brush fire on the island, which ended up being steam coming through a manhole cover in the deer enclosure.

CO Todd Thorn patrolled Belle Isle during the third shift. There was very little activity. A couple of warnings were given to people who were on the island after park hours closed.

CO Shane Webster worked his Belle Isle shifts, making several traffic stops to address issues such as failing to stop at stop signs, excessive speed, seatbelt violations, and operating the wrong direction on a one way street.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau worked his assigned Belle Isle shift with PCO Chris Reynolds with many positive contacts on the island. The fishing activity on the island is increasing, including several found to be fishing without licenses. Tickets and warnings issued.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and PCO Chris Reynolds observed two subjects drinking alcohol at a table next to a parked vehicle on the island and made contact. As the COs approached they could smell burnt marijuana and the operator admitted to smoking prior to the COs

arrival. The other subject did not have a valid driver's license. Enforcement action was taken on the open intoxicants in a closed area and the operator was given until the tickets were issued to find a valid and sober driver to arrive and take possession of the vehicle or it was going to be impounded. They had two valid and sober drivers arrive within 10 minutes.

While working the afternoon shift on Father's Day at Belle Isle, CO Todd Szyska and PCO Chris Knights were the first to respond to an injury accident. A female subject had tripped on a concrete parking barrier at Inselruhe and Central Ave. When the female fell she contacted the concrete with her face. CO Szyska and PCO Knights rendered first aid to the fallen female. PCO Knights applied dressings to her scrapes on her ankle area, and CO Szyska applied dressings to her nose and had her maintain pressure to stop the bleeding. CO Szyska called for the paramedic unit to respond as the female was approximately 83 years old. It appeared that the female may have broken her nose. EMS services also stated the same about the nose, but the female declined transport to the hospital.

While CO Todd Szyska and PCO Chris Knights were tending to the female subject from the falling incident, a concerned mother made contact with PCO Knights. The mother informed PCO Knights that her child had become stuck in a swing and she could not get out of it. PCO Knights ran to the mother's aid and was able to get the child out of the enclosed child swing. Apparently, the child was older than the user age of the swing set and when the mother tried to get her out, the child's legs would not come out of the holes in the swing. PCO Knights was able to maneuver the child around and get the child out safely.

While working Belle Isle, CO Todd Szyska and PCO Chris Knights observed a subject fishing off of the old bridge, on Woodside Drive (Frisbee golf area). A foot patrol was conducted and contact was made with a male and female party. The female did have her fishing license, but the male did not. Upon further checking it was discovered that the male party also was in possession of a medicinal marijuana card, but was in violation of it as he had marijuana in a non-lockable make up case. The subject also had a 10-9 warrant out of Romulus for traffic \$5,000 10% bond. The warrant was confirmed and valid, but Romulus stated to advise and release.

CO Pete Purdy while working on Belle Isle observed the driver of a vehicle speeding, passing vehicles on the right, and abruptly changing lanes without a turn signal. CO Purdy conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver. CO Purdy explained to the driver the multiple violations, and the fact that the driver had passed several bicyclists. The driver acknowledged his driving violations, advised that he was in a rush, and went on to say that he is a Belle Isle bicyclist and what he did was wrong and advised that if he received a citation he deserved it. CO Purdy gave the driver a verbal warning which he much appreciated and advised he had learned his lesson and wouldn't drive like that again.

CO Mike Drexler was working a midnight Belle Isle shift with CO Dan Walzak when he observed a vehicle traveling the wrong way down a one-way road and in the park after hours. A traffic stop was conducted and during the initial contact the driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver also handed the CO a Concealed Pistol License with his driver's license and indicated that he was carrying a pistol. The COs secured the pistol and administered field sobriety tests. The driver was subsequently arrested for Operating While Intoxicated, being just short of twice the legal limit. CO Drexler is seeking warrants for OWI and weapons violations.

CO Mike Drexler was working an afternoon Belle Isle shift when he was first on scene for an unknown call from the park rangers. When CO Drexler arrived, park rangers were out with an unidentified male who appeared to be mentally challenged. An MSP Trooper and CO Lacelle Rabon arrived on scene and although interviewing the man was very difficult as he repeated most of what the officers asked him, the officers were able to generate a possible address for the man in Highland Park. COs Drexler and Rabon transported the man to Highland Park where he was reunited with his mother who stated he was autistic and ran off earlier that day.

CO Mike Drexler was working a midnight shift on Belle Isle when he contacted one vehicle attempting to enter the park after hours. As the CO was advising the occupants of the hours and assisting them with turning around, he observed a clear glass bottle in a paper bag located in the cup holder. The female passenger admitted that it was alcohol and she knew it was against the law. A citation was issued for possess open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

CO Mike Drexler was working an afternoon Belle Isle shift when he contacted one angler for a fishing license check. The angler stated he had not yet had a chance to purchase his license. A computer check also revealed that the subject had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. A citation was issued for the fishing violation and bond was posted for his warrants.

CO Brandon Kieft and PCO A.J. Sutzko assisted Michigan State Police on a traffic stop on Belle Isle in the City of Detroit. After determining the passenger had eight outstanding warrants for his arrest, CO Kieft and PCO Sutzko took the subject into custody and transported him to the Detroit Detention Center. He was lodged on the warrants.

CO Brandon Kieft and PCO A.J. Sutzko responded to a complaint of subjects illegally fishing under the MacArthur Bridge in the City of Detroit. While making contact with the group, only one subject claimed to be fishing. The same subject denied ownership of one of the four fishing rods located about 50 yards away. After reeling in all the lines and comparing gear, the COs obtained a confession for fishing with too many lines. A stringer located nearby also had a smallmouth bass that was out of season and undersized. The angler was also attempting to use live gobies as bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft and PCO A.J. Sutzko checked a group of anglers on Belle Isle in the City of Detroit. One of the anglers was using six lines and claimed to not understand the regulation. After some further checking, it was determined that the subject had been purchasing fishing licenses for the past eight years. Enforcement action was taken.

While working on Belle Isle, CO Quincy Gowenlock received numerous positive comments. Several people approached the CO thanking him and all COs for cleaning up the park and making it safe for them to bring their families out. For some it was the first time back to the island in 20 plus years due to it being unsafe. Along with general contact several traffic stops were made and all drivers were educated regarding safety concerns for pedestrians.

While working on Belle Isle, Sgt. Ron Kimmerly made numerous positive contacts with individuals that were very happy with the work that Conservation Officers and the State Troopers were doing to make the Island safe. Most of the vehicles on the Island were traveling at the posted speeds and taking care in regard to all the walkers and bikers. The Sgt. did stop two vehicles traveling over 50 MPH. In each vehicle the Sgt. found that the drivers did not have driver's licenses and also found open intoxicants and marijuana in each vehicle. Each vehicle also had occupants with warrants for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Belle Isle State Park, CO Larn Strawn observed a motorist operating erratically and causing his car to drift across several lanes while negotiating the turns around the island. The CO conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver. While speaking to the driver the CO noticed the strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver and also observed an opened alcoholic drink on the floor between the driver's legs. The CO conducted a series of standardized field sobriety tests on the driver and determined he was almost twice the legal limit of intoxication. The CO placed the driver under arrest for operating while intoxicated and lodged him in the Detroit Detention Center.